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REMARKS

Initially, Applicants wish to correct a possible misimpression possibly created by their PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT of November 11, 2002 ("PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT"). In that paper, Applicants amended page 31, line 16, of the specification to explicitly point out that the device of Figure 10 of the application did NOT constitute their work. Further, in Figure 10 of the drawings themselves, Applicants added the legend "Invention of another." All of this, of course, had the purpose of making absolutely sure that the examiner was not misled into believing that the device of Figure 10 had its origin with Applicants.

Unfortunately, in discussing the above amendments in the REMARKS section of the PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, Applicants' undersigned attorney erred by writing, "[T]he device shown in Figure 10 and described on page 31 relate to the work of an individual who dies constitute an inventor in the present application." Clearly, this quoted statement is completely wrong. The individual who created this device, Mr. Szpur as stated there, is most certainly NOT an inventor of the present invention. The referenced amendments themselves as well as the accompanying discussion surrounding the quoted misstatement make clear that Mr. Szpur is not an inventor in the present application. However, Applicants' attorney includes this lengthy explanation to avoid even the possibility of misleading the PTO. He also apologizes for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

The foregoing amendment adds various claims that seek to cover features disclosed but not otherwise specifically claimed in this form or in the same substance. Applicants respectfully request their examination in the present application.

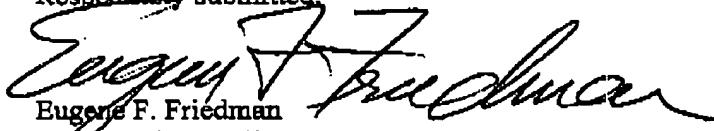
Applicants submit form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1200.00 to cover the fee for filing two new independent claims and 40 claims over those originally paid for. Any required filing fee not paid for by the enclosed form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account 06-2135 of the undersigned attorney.

Applicants believe that the above has placed the present application in condition for examination. They sincerely request this action. Should some minor impediment prevent the allowance of this application, then the examiner is respectfully requested to contact

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Applicants' attorney at the telephone number given below. Hopefully, such a phone call will portend a substantial saving on the parts of the Patent and Trademark Office and Applicants.

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